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SUBJECT: EMBASSY ENERGY OFFICERS IN KUALA LUMPUR

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¶1. This cable responds to reftel requesting input for new required reports to Congress on energy. Following are post's responses to the four questions put forth in the cable:

¶A. Energy matters are handled by the economic section which consists of seven persons: Economic Counselor, four direct-hire economic officers, two foreign nationals, and one OMS.

¶B. One economic/finance officer covers matters relating to oil and gas, devoting approximately 10% of her time to this issue. One ESTH officer covers alternative energy sources, devoting approximately 10% of the time.

¶C. The economic/finance officer maintains ongoing contact with Malaysia's national oil company Petronas as well as U.S. energy companies operating in Malaysia and tracks and reports on new developments in the oil and gas sector. The ESTH officer covers sources of alternative energy, including biofuels.

¶D. Budget:
Salary costs:

Economic/Finance officer	
* Annual rate	\$62,935
* Post Differential	\$ 6,294
* COLA	\$ 3,032

ESTH	
* Annual rate	\$72,709
* Post Differential	\$ 7,271
* COLA	\$ 3,549

Total salary costs for both officers: \$155,790

Prorated to reflect ten percent of time devoted to energy issues: \$15,579

2007 Programs: two representational lunches with oil and gas company officials: \$97

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